

New Referee Accreditation Pathway

RUGBY REFEREES

1 Smart Rugby

Minimum Requirement to Referee in Australia.

Valid for: 2 Years (Expires 31 March)

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

Delivery: Online (Preferred) or, Face to face

2 Referee Ready

Introductory Referee Course for all participants new to refereeing.

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

Delivery: Online Webinar or Face to Face Course- Free of Charge

Duration: 3 hours

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Referee Ready Program Online

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

3 Level 1 Accreditation

Enrolment will be determined by age/or the intention to referee U13 Rugby or higher.

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 15 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Level 1 Program
Complete on-field assessment

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

Refereeing Kids Rugby

Enrolment will be determined by age and/or whether refereeing U8-U12s rugby.

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Current Referee Ready Accreditation
Complete Refereeing Kids Rugby Program

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

OR



To access courses, please visit the Rugby Learning Centre.
<https://myaccount.rugbyexplorer.com.au>



For more information about Refereeing, Laws of the Game and much more please visit the RA Website
<https://australia.rugby/participate/referee>



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Upgrading & Maintaining Referee Accreditation

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4 Level 2 Accreditation

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: 18 years old.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Level 1 Program
Complete on-field assessment

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually
Will expire if no longer refereeing adult rugby

5 Season Ready

Annual season update introduced to encourage annual currency. This will be required for re-accreditation of all accreditations.

Valid for: Current Season - expires 31 March following year.

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby

Complete Season Ready

- Season Ready Law Update (online)
- GMG Presentation (online or face to face)

Continued Learning

Throughout the year both Rugby Australia and your local Referees Association will be offering a number of extra learning and development opportunities to all match officials.

These will take the form of:

- Online Webinars
- Face to Face Presentations
- Practical Sessions

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AND



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Referee Coach Accreditation Pathway

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1

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Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

Delivery: Online (Preferred) or, Face to face

2

Level 1 Referee Coach

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 17 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Level 1 Referee Coach Program
Complete practical assessment

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

3

Level 2 Referee Coach

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 18 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Level 1 Referee Coach Program
Complete practical assessment

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby
Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

4

Season Ready

Annual season update introduced to encourage annual currency- Law and Game Management Guidelines.

Valid for: Current Season - expires 31 March following year.

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby

Complete Season Ready
- Season Ready Law Update (online)
- GMG Presentation (online or face to face)

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Other Referee Programs

These programs are additional to the Accreditation Pathway.

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1

7's Refereeing

Contains basic knowledge to referee cross-field and full field 7's.

Valid for: Indefinitely

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby

Complete Referee Ready Accreditation

Complete online 7's Referee Program

To Maintain Accreditation:

Current Smart Rugby

Complete Season Ready Referee Annually

2

Touch 7's Refereeing

For refereeing Kids Pathway Rugby U6-7s and or Touch 7's.

Valid for: 4 years

Minimum Age: Turning 12 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Complete Touch 7's Program

To Maintain Accreditation:

Complete Touch 7's Program on expiry.

3

Assistant Referee Level 1

Introduction to the role as an Assistant Referee

Valid for: 4 Years

Minimum Age: Turning 13 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Complete Assistant Referee Program online

To Maintain Accreditation:

Complete the Level 1 Assistant Referee Re-accreditation online.

4

Assistant Referee Kids Rugby

Introduction to Assistant Refereeing in Pathway Rugby U8-12S

Valid for: 4 Years

Minimum Age: Turning 11 in the calendar year.

To Gain Accreditation:

Complete Assistant Refereeing Kids Course online

To Maintain Accreditation:

Re-complete Assistant Refereeing Kids Course on expiry

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